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Subject

Officer [REDACTED]  
St. Louis Police Department,  
St. Louis, Missouri - Subject;  
Dick Gregory - Victim  
CIVIL RIGHTS

Date

14 APR 1992

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To

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Attn: CRU, Rm. 1B948

From

John R. Dunne  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

Reference is made to attached correspondence dated April 2, 1992 and to accompanying news articles wherein Dick Gregory alleges that he was falsely arrested and mistreated by the subject on March 21, 1992. Mr. Gregory also indicates that he possesses information about the alleged mistreatment of members of the minority community by officers of the St. Louis Police Department.

Inasmuch as these allegations indicate possible violations of 18 U.S.C. §242, please conduct the following limited investigation:

1. Interview Mr. Gregory concerning the circumstances surrounding his arrest on March 21, 1992. Also, inquire as to information which he has concerning the alleged mistreatment of others by police officers in St. Louis. Please conduct appropriate follow-up investigation.
2. Obtain copies of police reports concerning Mr. Gregory's arrest.
3. The attached news article dated March 25, 1992 contains allegations that the subject used excessive force during an arrest on January 12, 1992. Please identify and interview the alleged victims and obtain copies of the police reports concerning this incident.

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4-15-92

Mr. Dick Gregory  
P.O. Box 3266  
Tower Hill Farm  
Plymouth, Massachusetts 02361

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Days Inn At The Park  
4630 Lindell  
St. Louis, Mo. 63108  
314 367 - 7500 Ext: 250

April 2, 1992

Mr. John Dunne :  
Assistant U. S. Attorney  
U. S. Justice Department  
Civil Rights Division  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Attorney Dunne:

This correspondence will serve as a formal complaint from me to the United States Justice Department regarding the St. Louis Police Department.

I'm requesting that your office launch a full scale investigation here to determine whether the practices and procedures used by the department have been and are violating a number of people's rights.

I feel that some of the department's members are " out of control." On March 21, 1992, I was wrongly accused and arrested. After it was learned that I was 'Dick Gregory', several police officers attempted to frame me and make me fit the description of someone they knew I was not.

I'm outraged that this kind of injustice was done to me. I've dedicated my life and resources to fighting injustices all over this country.

I'm proud to be among the many men and women, black and white, who have and are willing to give their lives to make America work right. For " out of control" police officers to make wrongful arrests and fabricate stories to frame people is a great miscarriage of justice.

I believe that there exists a pattern ( history) of racial discrimination in the treatment of minorities when they come into contact with the police department here in St. Louis.

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CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION

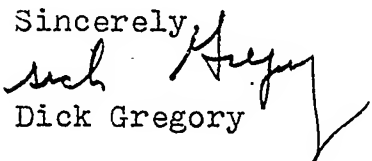
I'd like your office to begin your investigation immediately, before anymore wrongful, demeaning, arrests are allowed to occur, and before any frame-ups can be concocted by officers who hold the power to determine whether a man goes to jail because he's done wrong or is set free because he's done nothing wrong.

Since my wrongful arrest, several members of the minority community have contacted me to tell of the horrible encounters they've had with the St. Louis Police under the auspices of enforcing the law.

I believe the officers feel free to flex their muscles as they see fit, without respect for code enforcement or procedure. I blame this on the higher ranking officials who're in charge of making sure the department works effectively are looking in another direction.

I'll be remaining in St. Louis to deal with the situation pertaining to me, and would like to know immediately your plans pursuant to the exploration of police brutality and improprieties in the St. Louis Police Department.

Sincerely,

  
Dick Gregory

# Allegation

## Gregory Accuses Police Of Cover-up In His Arrest

By Bill Bryan

Of the Post-Dispatch Staff

Civil rights activist Dick Gregory said Monday that St. Louis police were guilty of a cover-up in their handling of his arrest Saturday on suspicion of peace disturbance.

"I'm outraged, totally outraged," Gregory said at a news conference at the local office of the NAACP.

"For the first eight minutes, before they knew who I was, I was just another [black man]," he said, using a racial epithet.

"Then when they realized they were dealing with Dick Gregory, a simple case of mistaken identity turned into a cover-up."

Gregory also said he planned:

- To ask for a federal investigation of the police
- See GREGORY, Page 4

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TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 1992 •

# ST. LOUIS

# POST-DISPATCH

## Gregory

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department to see if there was a pattern of abuse of people's civil rights.

■ To file a \$100 million suit over his treatment by police. He said he did not yet know the specifics of the suit.

■ To organize a series of demonstrations to publicize police abuse. "There will be some doors chained," he said. He said he would not disclose the targets of the demonstrations.

C. John Pleban, a lawyer for the police department, said the department was investigating the arrest, "but we would hope that Mr. Gregory will cooperate and give us a statement."

"He's been invited to give a statement, but thus far he has not appeared," Pleban said.

Gregory was arrested Saturday afternoon while walking in the 300 block of North Euclid Avenue after a clerk at the Golden Grocer health food store, at 335 North Euclid Avenue, reported a shoplifting incident.

The clerk, Barry Kepp, initially identified Gregory as the shoplifter.

Gregory said he then warned the clerk: "Don't let these hillbilly white boys [police] get you into trouble. I'm Dick Gregory. If you frame me, I'll picket this store . . . and shut it down."

Then Kepp said Gregory was not the shoplifter, police said.

On Sunday, Gregory said police had coerced Kepp into identifying him.

On Monday, Kepp agreed, saying police had coerced him.

"I was scared to death, shaking like a leaf," Kepp, 33, said in an interview. "I didn't want a face-to-face confrontation. At first, the guy in the police car [Gregory] did look like the shoplifter, but then I got a better look and could see that it was not."

Kepp said the differences between the shoplifter and Gregory were that the shoplifter had had a stubble beard, while Gregory has a full beard; and the shoplifter had a white X on his baseball cap, while Gregory had a red and green X on his cap.

But the official police report later said Kepp had identified the shoplifter as having a full beard and a red and green X on his cap.

That's part of a cover-up, Gregory said. "There's only one cap in the country with a red and green X, and I've got it. I challenge the press or the police to find another one anywhere," he said.

After Kepp said Gregory was not the thief, police told Gregory he was free to go. But Gregory became belligerent, police said, and was arrested on suspicion of peace disturbance.



Gary Bohn/Post-Dispatch

Civil rights activist Dick Gregory speaking Monday at NAACP headquarters, 625 North Euclid.

**"I was scared to death, shaking like a leaf. I didn't want a face-to-face confrontation."**

**BARRY KEPP,**  
clerk at store

Before police knew his identity, Gregory said, he was thrown against a wall and handcuffed. One officer cursed him, using profanity.

"I've got dignity, and I'm not going to take treatment like that," Gregory said.

Gregory said he had refused to be released on a peace disturbance summons and retrieve his property — which included more than \$900 in cash — because he feared the police would plant drugs on him.

Gregory, a former St. Louisan, has been in this area often recently to support choreographer Katherine Dunham's fast to protest the forced repatriation of Haitian refugees.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 1992

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## Officer In Gregory Incident Probed Complaint Says He, Others Beat Suspects In January

A police officer who Dick Gregory says treated him rudely on Saturday is under investigation for an earlier incident involving allegations of police brutality.

The officer, Michael Marks, 25, is being investigated by the police department's internal affairs division, after a complaint was filed against him and other officers who arrested a woman and her two sons on Jan. 12.

The suspects — arrested on suspicion of misdemeanor assault and interfering with a police officer — said they had been beaten after one of them was stopped for a traffic violation near Enright Avenue and

Sarah Street.

Police said they had had to use force in making the arrests after they were assaulted by the woman and her sons. The investigation is pending.

At a press conference Tuesday at the St. Louis office of the NAACP, Gregory repeated his intention to file a \$100 million suit against the police and to hold demonstrations over his recent arrest on suspicion of peace disturbance.

The civil rights activist was arrested Saturday in the Central West End after being stopped on the street by Marks, who was investigating a shoplifting incident.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION 399

REPORTING OFFICE ST. LOUIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN ST. LOUIS	DATE 5/13/92	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 3/25/92 - 5/11/92
TITLE OF CASE "CHANGED" OFFICER [redacted] aka [redacted] (Title continued on COVER PAGE B*)		REPORT MADE BY SA [redacted]	TYPED BY: bjb
CHARACTER OF CASE CIVIL RIGHTS (A)			

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Title marked "CHANGED" to reflect complete identity of the subject and victim. Title previously carried as "OFFICER [redacted] ST. LOUIS POLICE DEPARTMENT, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI; DICK GREGORY - VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS (A); OO: ST. LOUIS.

REFERENCE: Bureau airtel and enclosures to St. Louis, 4/16/92;  
St. Louis FD-610, dated 4/20/90;  
St. Louis teletype to Bureau, 4/23/92.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE:

GREGORY was arrested by the ST. LOUIS POLICE DEPARTMENT (SLPD) on a shoplifting charge on 3/21/92. He was released when victim clerk advised he was the wrong man. GREGORY thereafter

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ST. LOUIS POLICE DEPARTMENT,  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI;  
RICHARD C. GREGORY, aka  
Richard Gregory,  
Dick Gregory - VICTIM

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appeared at the FBI Office with an entourage and handed Agents a press release. He refused to be interviewed. He wrote to Mr. JOHN R. DUNNE, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, alleging unspecified mistreatment. He further alleged a pattern of civil rights abuse by the SLPD directed toward the minority community.

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The Bureau thereafter directed that the St. Louis Office open a civil rights investigation based on DOJ's request and that GREGORY be interviewed to ascertain the details of his complaint. GREGORY left St. Louis before that could be accomplished. A lead was sent to the Boston Division to locate and interview GREGORY based on the return address of GREGORY's letter. On 5/11/92, Boston Division advised GREGORY's house may have been seized by a local bank and he has since moved. Boston has yet to locate GREGORY. This report will therefore be kept in a pending status until GREGORY can be located and interviewed.

On 4/15/92, Captain [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] SLPD, was advised that a civil rights investigation had been initiated concerning this matter.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Copy to: 1 - United States Attorney, Eastern District of Missouri

Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

Office: ST. LOUIS

Date:

May 13, 1992

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Field Office File #:

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Bureau File #:

Title:

OFFICER [REDACTED]

ST. LOUIS POLICE DEPARTMENT,  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI;  
RICHARD C. GREGORY - VICTIM

Character:

CIVIL RIGHTS (A)

Synopsis:

RICHARD C. GREGORY (black male, date of birth 10/12/32) appeared at the St. Louis FBI Office with an entourage of approximately eight others on 3/25/92. He handed a press release to the Agents stating that he was not present to make a formal complaint and that when he made a formal complaint he would call for an appointment. Instead, he wrote a letter to the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights JOHN R. DUNN. He alleged a pattern of abuse and requested a full investigation of the ST. LOUIS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT (SLPD). GREGORY was arrested by the SLPD on 3/21/92. The initial stop was made to ascertain if GREGORY was the subject of a shoplifting at the Golden Grocer. At first the clerk identified GREGORY, then changed his mind and said GREGORY was not the shoplifter. GREGORY "refused" to be released and was thereafter arrested for Peace Disturbance and later held a press conference. Investigation at the Days Inn at the Park revealed that GREGORY had departed St. Louis. Indices checks for [REDACTED] reveal one civil rights investigation. Indices checks for GREGORY reveal no record other than current civil rights complaint.

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Criminal checks for [REDACTED] show one arrest.  
Computer checks for GREGORY show four minor arrests.

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Investigation into captioned matter was initiated based upon a request by the DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ).

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 3/25/92

At approximately 12:45 PM, an individual who identified himself as DICK GREGORY voluntarily appeared in the reception room of the St. Louis Office of the FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI). GREGORY was accompanied by approximately eight other individuals, one of whom was carrying a video camera and appeared to be recording the visit.

At approximately 12:55 PM, the below-named Special Agents (SAs) greeted GREGORY, who identified himself by name and immediately provided SA [ ] with a three-page typed document, entitled "NEWS RELEASE." GREGORY stated that the document detailed an incident which he said occurred the previous evening at a church in St. Louis. GREGORY advised the below-named SAs that his visit to the FBI Office was not to make a "formal complaint" but only to drop off the "NEWS RELEASE." He advised that when he makes a "formal complaint" he will call for an appointment.

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GREGORY, and all those accompanying him, then departed the reception room.

The "NEWS RELEASE" provided by GREGORY is attached hereto.

Investigation on 3/25/92 at St. Louis, Missouri File # 44A-SL-176008

by SA [ ] dm

Date dictated 3/25/92

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**N E W S   R E L E A S E**

ON MARCH 24, 1992, A GROUP OF MINISTERS, MOTHERS, FATHERS, COMMUNITY LEADERS, VOTERS AND ORDINARY CITIZENS OF ST. LOUIS MET WITH AND IN SUPPORT OF DICK GREGORY, THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST WHO WAS ARRESTED ON MARCH 23, 1992 AND FALSELY ACCUSED OF PEACE DISTURBANCE. THE MEETING TOOK PLACE AT THE WASHINGTON A.M.E. ZION CHURCH, 613 GARRISON AND WAS ATTENDED BY AN OVERFLOW CROWD OF SUPPORTERS.

SOMETHING VERY STRANGE, ANTI-AMERICAN AND THOROUGHLY UNCONSTITUTIONAL HAPPENED. A DETECTIVE ASSIGNED TO THE ST. LOUIS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT INTELLIGENCE UNIT, OFFICER KEENA, WAS OBSERVED TAKING DOWN LICENSE NUMBERS OF VEHICLES OF PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE RALLY.

WE ARE OUTRAGED BY THIS ACTION. WHO AUTHORIZED THIS INTIMIDATING TACTIC?

WHY, IN THIS DAY AND AGE DID THE POLICE FEEL THAT THEY COULD INTIMIDATE BLACK CITIZENS IN THIS WAY. WHY, IN AMERICA, DO THE POLICE FEEL THAT THEY CAN INSULT THE INTEGRITY OF THE BLACK PERSONS OF THIS COMMUNITY WHO ARE PEACEABLY ASSEMBLED IN A BLACK CHURCH FOR THIS RALLY? WHAT WAS THE PURPOSE OR DESIGN? WHY WAS IT NECESSARY? IT WASN'T. IT IS AN OUTRAGE.

THIS RALLY WAS AN OPEN MEETING THAT WAS ATTENDED BY THE MEDIA.

THIS IS NOT NAZI GERMANY IN THE DAYS OF HITLER, WHEN ANY DISSENTERS MUST BE INTIMIDATED AND SILENCED.

ALL PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT UNDER THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND ASSEMBLY, TO PROTEST OR SUPPORT THE PROTEST OF OTHER CITIZENS.

WHY HAVEN'T THE LICENSE NUMBERS OF DRUG DEALERS OR ITS CUSTOMERS BEEN TAKEN DOWN?

WHERE WAS DET. KEENA WHEN WHITE CUSTOMERS PATRONIZING PROSTITUTION DROVE DOWN WASHINGTON AND THE STROLL? WHY WASN'T HE ASSIGNED TO TAKE THEIR LICENSE NUMBERS?

WHY ARE CRIMINALS ALLOWED TO ASSEMBLE AND SHOOT, KILL AND SELL DRUGS WHILE THE CHURCH, ITS LEADERS AND THIS COMMUNITY IS UNDER ATTACK BY THESE INTIMIDATING TACTICS?

WHEN THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY OR THE KKK MEET, ARE LICENSE NUMBERS TAKEN? NO. WHEN THE AMERICAN NAZI PARTY OR THE MAFIA MEET, ARE LICENSE NUMBERS TAKEN? IF NOT, WHY NOT?

ARE MEETINGS AT WHITE CHURCHES MONITORED AND ARE LICENSE NUMBERS OF ITS MINISTERS, MEMBERS, VISITORS AND SUPPORTERS TAKEN? IF NOT, WHY NOT?

WHEN PEOPLE ASSEMBLE AT WHITE CHURCHES TO PLAY BINGO, ARE THEIR LICENSE NUMBERS TAKEN?

IT IS ONLY BECAUSE THE MEETING AT THIS BLACK CHURCH WAS ATTENDED BY THOSE WHO DARED NOT TO FEAR AND WERE WILLING TO STAND WITH DIGNITY AGAINST POLICE BRUTALITY, REPRISALS OR MISCONDUCT. THEY WERE WILLING TO PUBLICLY ATTEND SUCH A MEETING AND SUPPORT THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE TREATMENT OF CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST, DICK GREGORY, AND THE TREATMENT OF ALL BLACK CITIZENS IN THIS COMMUNITY AT THE HANDS OF THE POLICE.

WE DEMAND A FULL INVESTIGATION BY THE FBI, THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AND ALL CONCERNED ORGANIZATIONS TO DETERMINE WHO AUTHORIZED AND ASSIGNED DET. KEENA OR INTELLIGENCE TO WRITE DOWN LICENSE NUMBERS OF ORDINARY CITIZENS GATHERED AT THIS PEACEFUL RALLY. WE DEMAND TO KNOW WHAT HAS BEEN DONE WITH THE LICENSE NUMBERS OF OUR CITIZENS. WE DEMAND TO KNOW WHO GAVE THESE ORDERS AND WHY. JUSTICE DEMANDS AN ANSWER.

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The following items were received by Mr. JOHN DUNNE Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, from DICK GREGORY. They were forwarded to the St. Louis Office of the FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, arriving April 23, 1992. They are a letter to Mr. DUNNE from Mr. GREGORY and newspaper articles relating to Mr. GREGORY's arrest on March 21, 1992.

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ST. LOUIS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT  
POLICE INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM  
INCIDENT REPORT

CMPLT # 92042335

I N C I D E N T

Incident Type: 249999 GENERAL DISORDERLY CONDUCT OFFENSE  
Complaint # Status: CLEARED/ARREST  
Orig./Supplement: ORIGINAL  
Dist./Precinct/Beat: 09 712 9262  
Origination Desc: ON VIEW  
Day of Week: SAT  
Date of Occurrence: 03/21/92 to 03/21/92  
Time of Occurrence: 16:51 to 16:52  
Location Name:  
Street: 317 N EUCLID Unit # REAR  
City/State: ST. LOUIS MO 63108  
Type of Premises: ALLEY  
Invst Followup(Y/N): N  
Assignment:  
Date: 03/21/92  
Time: 16:43  
Asgmt. Code: 309  
DSN/Officer:  
Assisted by:

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ANY WEAPONS DISCHARGED BY AN OFFICER(Y/N)? N

Summary: RICHARD G. WAS DETAINED BECAUSE HE  
MATCHED THE DESCRIPTION OF A SUBJECT WANTED FOR AN ATTEMPT  
LARCENY. UPON NOT BEING IDENTIFIED BY THE WITNESS,  
RICHARD G. PROCEEDED TO CREATE A DISTURBANCE AND WAS  
SUBSEQUENTLY CHARGED WITH GENERAL PEACE DISTURBANCE.  
DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN THE NARRATIVE OF THIS REPORT.

V I C T I M

NAME: LAST CITY OF ST LOUIS  
DOMESTIC INCIDENT: NO  
REL. TO SUSPECT: RELATIONSHIP UNKNOWN  
BIAS INCIDENT: NO



S U S P E C T

NAME: LAST GREGORY  
FIRST RICHARD C

Aliases: DICK GREGORY

AGE 059 TO 059  
WEIGHT 150 TO 150  
HEIGHT 510 TO 510  
RACE BLACK  
SEX MALE  
BUILD SLIM  
COMPLEXION DARK  
EYE COLOR BROWN  
HAIR COLOR BLACK  
HAIR STYLE AFRO/NATURAL  
HAIR LENGTH SHORT  
FACIAL HAIR COMBINATION BEARD/MUSTACHE  
CLOTHING BLUE JEANS

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTORS:

GRAY BEARD AND MOUSTACHE, DRAB OLIVE KNEE LGTH COAT,  
TRIMMED IN LEATHER, BLACK CAP W/ "X" ON FRONT

Birth:

Date: 10/12/32

Location: MD

Social Security No: 496-30-2279

Marital Status: SINGLE

Occupation: ACTIVIST

Suspect Status: ADULT ARREST

RESIDENCE ADDRESS:

Street: TOWER HILL FARM

City/State: PLYMOUTH MA 23630

Business Address:

Street: TOWER HILL FARM

City/State: PLYMOUTH MA 23630

Arrest:

Date: 03/21/92

Time: 16:52

Officer/Asgmt:

Assisted by:

ASGMT # 309

Miranda:

Yes/No:

Officer:

Charges:

Charge Descr: GENERAL PFACE  
DISTURBANCE

Crime Catgry: ORDIN Date: 03/21/92

Document No: 92042335

Court: 001 CITY

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Date: 05/29/92  
Time: 11:00

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On 3-21-92, at approximately 4:40 p.m., I was in the area of Euclid Avenue and Maryland looking for a subject whose description had recently been broadcast for an attempt larceny at the Golden Grocery on North Euclid Avenue.

It was at this time that I was flagged down by PO [redacted] assigned to area car [redacted] who was standing next to his vehicle. PO [redacted] proceeded to give me a further detailed description of the subject wanted for the attempt larceny which he was handling, as he had just completed his interview with the witness.

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PO [redacted] stated that he received the description from the clerk at the Golden Grocery, which was as follows:

black male in his early fifties, approximately 5'9" in height, approximately 180 lbs., having a gray and black beard and moustache. The wanted subject was wearing a brown leather jacket, blue jeans, and a black baseball cap with an "X" on the front of the ball cap. PO

[redacted] further stated that the subject was last seen south on Euclid.

After being informed of this updated description I proceeded to continue southbound on Euclid, when I observed a subject who closely matched the description I had just received from PO [redacted]. This subject was on the east side of Euclid Avenue walking north across Maryland.

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This subject, who was a black male in his mid fifties, was approximately 5'10" tall, 160 lbs., having a black and gray colored beard and moustache. The subject was wearing a black ball cap with an "X" on the front of it, and was wearing blue jeans, and had on a knee length olive green colored coat, which was trimmed in brown leather around it's collar and sleeve areas.

I proceeded to turn my police vehicle around and follow this subject. I then attempted to have the dispatcher make radio contact with PO [redacted] to advise him of my location and this possible wanted subject. The dispatcher was unable to make radio contact with PO [redacted].

Due to the fact that the subject closely matched the description of the subject wanted for the attempt larceny, I proceeded to pull into the north alley of the 4600 block of Maryland and exited my police vehicle. I then informed the dispatcher that I had a possible suspect wanted for the attempt larceny at the Golden Grocery.

As I exited my police vehicle the subject was in the process of walking across the mouth of the alley and continued to walk north on Euclid.

I called to the subject to stop, at which time the subject turned his head toward me and stated, "You have no probable cause to stop me." The suspect continued to walk north on Euclid.

I then informed him that he matched the description of a subject wanted for an attempt larceny from a store in the area, and I again asked this subject to stop. To this the subject stated that, "I was a liar," and again stated, "I had no probable cause to stop him."

I then proceeded to walk up to the subject and place my hand on his right shoulder. After placing my hand on his shoulder the subject stopped walking and turned toward me and stated, "That I was going to be very sorry that I ever got out of bed this morning." He defiantly added that, "I was only stopping him because he was a black man in a white neighborhood."

I again informed him that he matched the description of a wanted subject and that if he had done nothing wrong, he didn't have to worry about it, because I would release him as soon as he was viewed by the witness.

I then asked the subject if he had any type of identification with him, to which he stated, "No," and further stated that, "I was making a big mistake and that I was going to regret it."

With this, I proceeded to place the subject in handcuffs for my safety and placed the subject into the rear of my police vehicle. It was at about this time that the dispatcher was able to contact PO [redacted] and inform him that I possibly had the subject responsible for the attempt theft at the Golden Grocery in custody. PO [redacted] responded to my location at that time.

PO [redacted] informed me that the witness to this incident was the clerk at the Golden Grocery, which was located at 335 North Euclid (it should be noted that this attempt stealing report is filed under original C/N 92042305).

I then proceeded to pull my police vehicle across the street and to park same in the alley. PO [redacted] and I responded to the Golden Grocery to inform the witness [redacted] of the possible suspect and to ask witness [redacted] to respond outside to view this suspect.

Witness [redacted] stated that he felt uncomfortable about viewing the subject, because he feared retaliation. Witness [redacted] then declined to view the subject.

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With this, PO [ ] and myself responded back outside, at which time Sgt. [ ] assigned to area car [ ] had arrived on the scene. It should be noted that PO [ ] assigned to Area [ ] had responded to the scene, and was waiting with the suspect when Sgt. [ ] arrived. Sgt. [ ] was advised of the situation, at which time Sgt. [ ] responded inside the Golden Grocery to speak with witness [ ]. Witness [ ] advised Sgt. [ ] that he was apprehensive about viewing the suspect. Sgt. [ ] then assured [ ] that there were four officers on the scene, and that no harm would come to him. [ ] then agreed to view the suspect. Sgt. [ ] and witness [ ] then responded outside.

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Witness [ ] walked over to the right rear of the police vehicle and was allowed to view the suspect. Upon viewing the suspect witness [ ] immediately and without hesitation stated, "That's the guy, that's him."

The suspect then stated to witness [ ] "Hey look at me, you know who I am. I have been in your store before."

Witness [ ] then looked into the vehicle again, and stated, "That the suspect was not the subject responsible for the attempted theft, however, the suspect looked a lot like the wanted subject."

Sgt. [ ] then proceeded to open the back door of the police vehicle and asked the subject to exit the vehicle. The suspect refused to exit the vehicle stating, "You white boys have done fucked up, and you know it. Just go ahead and take me to jail." Sgt. [ ] attempted to explain the circumstances surrounding the incident to the subject, however, the subject continued interrupting Sgt. [ ] and refused to let Sgt. [ ] explain the situation. It was about this time the subject identified himself as, Richard G., and again stated he wasn't going to exit the police vehicle, and we might as well take him to jail because we would all be sorry we worked today."

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Richard G. repeatedly refused to honor Sgt. [ ] request to exit the police vehicle in a defiantly loud voice. He further stated to Sgt. [ ] that, "It's a shame that a black man can't walk in a white man's neighborhood," while accusing Sgt. [ ] of making up the whole incident just to protect his officers.

Sgt. [ ] as well as all officers were repeatedly referred to by Richard G. "As racist white men," and cursed the officers by stating several times, "You white motherfuckers," while at the scene of the incident.

The commotion cause by Richard G. caused a crowd of approximately ten pedestrians, who were walking on the west side of Euclid, near the mouth of the alley to stop and gather in order to observe what was happening.

It was at this time that I proceeded to place Richard G. under arrest for "General Peace Disturbance" and advise him of his Constitutional Rights, to which Richard G. made no statement, other than, "Just take me to jail."

While at the Area II Station, a wanted/record check revealed Richard G. to have no active wanteds, however, prior record was indicated.

During the booking process which was supervised by Sgt. [redacted] Richard G. continued his abusive and uncooperative attitude. He refused to sign the Property Envelope or the Arrest Register and made several racial remarks directed at Sgt. [redacted] and myself. He referred to Sgt. [redacted] on two separate occasions during the booking processing as, "A motherfucker." Richard G. also refused to be fingerprinted and that at one point, Lt. [redacted] was summoned to the booking area.

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Criminal Information and Warrant Disposition forms prepared, warrant to be applied for in the proper manner.

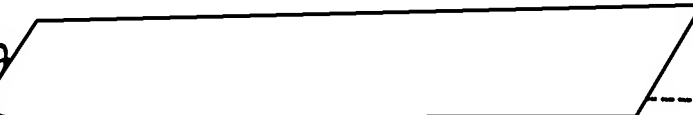
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## POLICE REPORT/SUMMONS

☒ CITY☐ STATE

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Copy 1-Court (Yellow)  
Copy 2-Unit (Blue)  
Copy 3-Defendant (Pink)

## FOR SUMMONS RELEASE ONLY

Original - Records (New Rpts. Only)

C.N. 92-42335  
(Orig. Use form 10 PPD)

## REPORT STATUS (Complete Whichever Applies)

C.N. 92-42335 ☒ Original Report  
☐ Supp. Report

Orig. C.N. \_\_\_\_\_ (If Supp.)

## INCIDENT

LOCATION: 317 N. Euclid

DISTRICT

OF OCCUR: #9DATE: 3-21-92TIME: 1644DATE ARRESTED: 3-21-92TIME ARRESTED: 1652

## SUBJECT ADVISED OF RIGHTS

☒ YES☐ NOARREST REGISTER NO. 92-9-860

## DEFENDANT:

GREGORYRICHARDC.

## DESCRIPTION:

Last B MFirst 10-12-32M.I. 5'10 150Weight 496-30-2279SSN# MAComplexion DarkEyes BlkHair Blk

## RES. ADDRESS:

Race TOWERSex HILLAge FARMDate of Birth PlymouthHeight MAWeight 82360SSN# MAComplexion DarkEyes BlkHair Blk

## BUS. ADDRESS:

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Bus. Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Unemp. \_\_\_\_\_

## STATE CHARGES

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

MO. REVISED STATUTE

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## CITY ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS ONLY

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, DIVISION NO. #1

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, PLAINTIFF

VS.

DEFENDANT: GREGORY, RICHARDSTATE OF MISSOURI) SS  
CITY OF ST. LOUIS)

THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO APPEAR PERSONALLY BEFORE DIVISION NO. #1THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF 17TH AND MARKET STREETS, ON 5-21-92 AT 11 O'CLOCK A M.,

TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT INFORMATION CHARGING YOU WITH:

A. GENERAL PEACE Disturbance LOC. CHARGE CODE 75008990

B. \_\_\_\_\_ LOC. CHARGE CODE \_\_\_\_\_

IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR, A WARRANT WILL BE ISSUED FOR YOUR ARREST

## RETURN ON SERVICE OF SUMMONS

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I SERVED THE WITHIN SUMMONS: (CHECK APPROPRIATE LINE)

☒ BY DELIVERING A COPY OF THE SUMMONS TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT.☐ BY LEAVING A COPY OF THE SUMMONS FOR THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT AT THE DWELLING PLACE OR USUAL PLACE OF ABODE OF SAID DEFENDANT WITH A PERSON OF HIS/HER FAMILY OVER THE AGE OF 15.ALL DONE IN THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS, MO., ON THE 21ST DAY OF MARCH 1992

Signature of Defendant or Person Accepting Summons

Signature of Officer

VICTIM'S NAME: City of St. Louis

## DETAILS OF ARREST

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

SEX: \_\_\_\_\_

RACE: \_\_\_\_\_

BUS. ADD: \_\_\_\_\_

HP: \_\_\_\_\_

BP: \_\_\_\_\_

SEE "PIPS" NARRATIVE

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Domestic Incident

☐ Yes☒ No

Bias Crime

☐ Yes☒ No

Reporting Officer's Signature

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WBW:bjb

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] at the Days Inn at the Park, telephone (314) 367-7500, 4630 Lindell, St. Louis, Missouri. This is the address GREGORY gave while in St. Louis.

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On April 17, 1992, [redacted] advised GREGORY had checked out but would return the week of April 20, 1992. On April 21, 1992, [redacted] advised that GREGORY was at the Inn, but not in his room. On April 22, 1992 it was determined that GREGORY had checked back in on April 18, 1992 and checked out April 20, 1992. [redacted] could furnish no additional information.

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A computer check of the REGIONAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM (REJIS), MISSOURI UNIFORM LAW ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM (MULES), and NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION CENTER (NCIC) revealed the following:

[redacted] date of birth [redacted]  
Social Security Account Number [redacted] shows one  
arrest.

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November 9, 1986 - Leaving the Scene of an Accident -  
disposition noted as released on  
citation/summons.

RICHARD C. GREGORY, DOB October 12, 1932, SSAN 496-30-  
2279, shows the following entries:

March 21, 1992 - General Peace Disturbance -  
St. Louis City Police

September 5, 1979 - Disobeying a Police Detective -  
St. Louis City

August 31, 1979 - Disobeying a Police Detective -  
St. Louis City

April 13, 1969 - Following a Vehicle Too Closely -  
St. Louis City

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WBW:bjb

St. Louis indices were checked for DICK GREGORY, black male, date of birth (DOB) October 12, 1932. Social Security Account Number (SSAN) 496-30-2279, and [REDACTED] white male, DOB [REDACTED] SSAN [REDACTED]

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There were no references other than this civil rights case for GREGORY.

There was one civil rights investigation involving [REDACTED]

This matter, file 44A-SL-175719, occurred in January, 1992, and was titled "OFFICER [REDACTED] OFFICER [REDACTED] ST. LOUIS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, [REDACTED] COMPLAINANT [REDACTED] [REDACTED] - VICTIM; [REDACTED] - VICTIM; [REDACTED] - VICTIM".

This matter involved a traffic stop of [REDACTED] His 15-year-old brother [REDACTED] became verbally abusive and was arrested. A fight ensued thereafter between the two brothers, their mother and the police officers. Assistant United States Attorney [REDACTED] advised that in his opinion the case lacked prosecutive merit.

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## Memorandum



To : Assistant Attorney General  
CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

Attn:

Date 6/29/92

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From : Director, FBI  
"CHANGED"  
OFFICER

AKA

Subject

ST. LOUIS POLICE DEPARTMENT,  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI;  
RICHARD C. GREGORY, AKA  
RICHARD GREGORY, DICK GREGORY - VICTIM  
44A SL 176008

Field Office File Number 144 42 2420

DOJ File Number

Reference: DOJ memorandum dated 4/14/92.

Enclosed is one copy of: Boston report dated 5/12/92 and St. Louis report dated 5/13/92.

☐ Also enclosed is an Internal Affairs Report

☐ A. This is the initial communication in this matter:

Type matter (Initial communication only)

- ☐ Brutality - Law Enforcement
- ☐ Brutality - Nonlaw Enforcement
- ☐ No Brutality - Law Enforcement
- ☐ No Brutality - Nonlaw Enforcement
- ☐ Racial Violence
- ☐ ISS Matter
- ☐ Death Case

DOI:

44B-SL-176008-7

☒ B. FBI Status-Pending

☐ C. FBI Status-Closed

☐ D. This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by the Federal Bureau of Investigation unless specifically requested by the Department of Justice.

☐ E. Due to the nature of this matter, it should receive your expeditious attention. Please contact the Civil Rights Unit, FBIHQ, Attn: \_\_\_\_\_

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SENT BY COURIER  
DATE 6/29/92 INITIAL *[Signature]*

*[Signature]*

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## Memorandum



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To : Assistant Attorney General  
CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

Attn:

Date 9/1/92

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From : Director, FBI

Subject : OFFICER [REDACTED]  
ST. LOUIS POLICE DEPARTMENT,  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI;  
RICHARD C. GREGORY - VICTIM  
CIVIL RIGHTS (A)  
OO: ST. LOUIS

Field Office File Number 44A SL 176008  
144 42 2420  
DOJ File Number \_\_\_\_\_

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DOI:

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☐ B. FBI Status-Pending

☒ C. FBI Status-Closed

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REU: [Signature]

SENT BY COURIER  
DATE 9/1/92 INITIAL [Signature]

Mailroom

[Signature]  
FBI/DOJ

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Subject

Notice of File Closing  
CIVIL RIGHTS MATTER

*Dec 1961*

To Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

From

John R. Dunne  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

*JRD*

Reference is made to your field office file captioned as on  
the attached closing form and numbered 44A-SL-176008.  
This matter has been closed as of the date on the attached form.

*44A-SL-176008-10*

*2. St. Louis 11/9/92 J*

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gha  
11/9/92*

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U.S. Department of Justice

Notice to Close File

File Number:

Case Title:

Date:

144-42-2420

[Redacted] Officer,  
St. Louis Police Department,  
St. Louis, Missouri - Subject;  
Richard C. Gregory - Victim;  
CIVIL RIGHTS

11/4/92

YOU ARE ADVISED THAT THE ABOVE FILE HAS BEEN CLOSED AS OF THIS DATE.

Remarks/Special Information:

Victim not available. LKD agrees.

To:

Files Unit

Civil Rights Division

Signature:

Division:

[Redacted Signature]

Civil Rights Division

FORM OBD-25-A

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Date: 10/14/77

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Precedence)

To: Director, FBI

ATTENTION: SPECIAL

☒ GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISIONFrom: SAC, BOSTON☒ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION☐ CRIMINAL SECTION☐ INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

Subject:

*Unsub Boston P-D -*  
**MIKE WATLEY (Deceased) - Victim**  
*Dick Gregory - Complainant*

☒ CR ☐ EL ☐ DIH ☐ CRA-64  
☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ PF ☐ E  
☐ DAMV ☐ DAMV-FR ☐ CAA  
☐ AP ☐ IWFC ☐ CWAA ☐ FI  
☐ EID ☐ Bomb Threats ☐ Extremist Matters  
☐ White Hate ☐ Black

Summary of Complaint:

RFB:ner

**ENCLOSURE**

② - Bureau (Enc.)

1 - Boston.

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re WATLEY

INDICES: ☒ Negative/ ☐ See Summary

ACTION: UACB:

- ☒ No further action being taken and  
☒ LHM enclosed  
☐ FD-376 (Enc. to LHM)  
☐ LHM being submitted  
☐ Report being submitted  
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted  
☐ Limited investigation instituted  
☐ Investigation continuing

☒ Copy to: ☐ USA, Boston  
☐ Secret Service  
☐ ATF

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M

Per \_\_\_\_\_





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Boston, Massachusetts  
October 14, 1977

MIKE WATLEY

On October 13, 1977, Commissioner Joseph Jordan, Boston, Massachusetts, Police Department, telephonically contacted Special Agent in Charge Richard F. Bates, Boston Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and advised he was in receipt of a copy of a Western Union Mailgram sent to Attorney General Griffin Bell by Dick Gregory, well-known comedian and television personality. *ACTS BY...*

Commissioner Jordan stated that the Mailgram indicated that Mr. Gregory was requesting Attorney General Bell to conduct an investigation into the death of Mike Watley, a personal friend of Mr. Gregory. In his mailgram, according to Commissioner Jordan, Mr. Gregory stated that, despite the hard work of the Boston Police Department, there were still many unanswered questions pertaining to the alleged hit-and-run death of Mr. Watley.

Commissioner Jordan stated that all evidence available to the Boston Police Department indicates Mr. Watley was struck by a motor vehicle, driver unknown, and that the Boston Police Department possesses no information indicating that Mr. Watley's death was attributable to any other cause.

On October 14, 1977, Commissioner Jordan's Office furnished a copy (attached) of Mr. Gregory's Mailgram to the Attorney General.

This document contains neither  
recommendations nor conclusions of  
the FBI. It is the property of  
the FBI and is loaned to your agency;  
it and its contents are not to be  
distributed outside your agency

44-0-44223

MIKE WATLEY

Also enclosed with this memorandum is a copy of the "Boston Police Department Incident Report" pertaining to the on-site investigation of Mr. Watley's death.

Also enclosed is a copy of an article which appeared on Page 8 of the October 11, 1977, edition of "The Boston Herald American" concerning the death of Mr. Watley.

DICK GREGORY

PLYMOUTH MA 02360

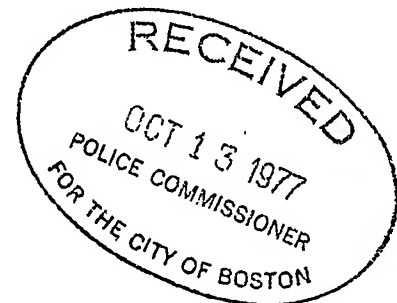
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POLICE COMMISSIONER JOSEPH JORDAN  
BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
154 BERKELEY ST  
BOSTON MA 02116



THIS MESSAGE IS A COPY OF ONE WHICH WAS SENT TO ATTORNEY GENERAL GRIFFIN BELL.  
DEAR MR BELL THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT MIKE WATLEY A PERSONEL FRIEND, AS WELL AS MY AIDE, AND AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT WAS KILLED IN BOSTON MASSACHUSETTS IN THE EARLY MORNING OF OCTOBER 10 1977 IN AN ALLEGED HIT AND RUN PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENT. DESPITE THE HARD WORK OF THE BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT THERE ARE STILL MANY UNANSWERED QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO HIS DEATH. BECAUSE OF THE TENSE RACIAL CLIMATE IN BOSTON I AM ASKING YOUR OFFICE TO CONDUCT A FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION INTO WATLEY'S DEATH SO THAT I WILL NOT BE FORCED TO BEGIN AN OUTSIDE INVESTIGATION WHICH WOULD INVOLVE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION BY TOP CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS AND LEGAL EXPERTS  
I HAVE GONE OVER THE POLICE ACCIDENT REPORT WITH BOSTON POLICE COMMISSIONER JOSEPH JORDAN AND HAVE THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED THE AUTOPSY REPORT WITH THE CITY MEDICAL EXAMINER, [REDACTED] THE CORONOR AGREED THAT THE FINDINGS DID NOT CORRELATE WITH THE BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT OF A TYPICAL HIT AND RUN ACCIDENT  
MIKE WATLEY HAS LIVED WITH ME FOR THE PAST 11 YEARS AND WAS CONSIDERED PART OF MY FAMILY. BECAUSE OF HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH ME IN CIVIL RIGHTS AND OTHER MATTERS, I DO NOT FEEL THIS AS A ROUTINE POLICE CASE. I WOULD HOPE THAT YOU WOULD USE THE PRESTIGE OF YOUR OFFICE TO HELP UNCOVER THE TRUTH SURROUNDING HIS DEATH. I WOULD ALSO LIKE FOR YOU TO INFORM THE WHITE HOUSE OF THIS INFORMATION. I AM URGENTLY LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU CONCERNING THIS MATTER. SINCERELY

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DICK GREGORY

PLYMOUTH MA 02360

15:00 EST

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BOW & PC  
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THE BOSTON HERALD AMERICAN, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1977

## Hit-run kills Gregory aide

An associate of comedian Dick Gregory was killed yesterday by a hit-run driver in Park Square. pronounced dead on arrival at The New England Medical Center.

Mike Watley, 33, who lived with the Gregory family at their Little Long Pond Road, Plymouth, was hurled through the air and landed beneath a parked car.

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Mr. 'Dick' Gregory  
P. O. Box 3266  
Tower Hill Farm  
Plymouth, Massachusetts 02361

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Off. of Public Affs.	_____
Telephone Rm.	_____
Director's Office	_____

Days Inn At The Park  
4630 Lindell  
St. Louis, Mo. 63108  
314 367 - 7500 Ext: 250

April 2, 1992

Mr. William Sessions  
Director of the F.B.I.  
10th and Pennsylvania, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Sessions:

OCR

This correspondence will serve as a formal complaint from me to the Federal Bureau of Investigation regarding the St. Louis Police Department.

I'm requesting that your office launch a full scale investigation here to determine whether the practices and procedures used by the department have been and are violating a number of people's rights.

I feel that some of the department's members are "out of control." On March 21, 1992, I was wrongly accused and arrested. After it was learned that I was 'Dick Gregory', several police officers attempted to frame and make me fit the description of someone they knew I was not.

I'm outraged that this kind of injustice was done to me. I've dedicated my life and resources to fighting injustices all over this country.

144-D-94259

I'm proud to be among the many men and women, black and white, who have and are willing to give their lives to make America work right. For "out of control" police officers to make wrongful arrests and fabricate stories to frame people is a great miscarriage of justice.

I believe that there exists a pattern ( history) of racial discrimination in the treatment of minorities when they come into contact with the police department here in St. Louis.

I'd like your office to begin your investigation immediately, before anymore wrongful, demeaning, arrests are allowed to occur, and before any frame - ups can be concocted by officers who hold the power to

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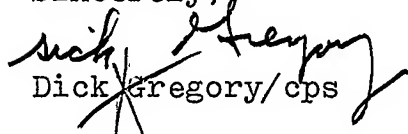
determine whether a man goes to jail because he's done wrong or is set free because he's done nothing wrong.

Since my wrongful arrest, several members of the minority community have contacted me to tell of their horrible encounters with the St. Louis Police under the auspices of enforcing the law.

I believe the officers feel free to flex their muscles as they see fit, without respect for code enforcement or procedure, because the higher ranking officials who're in charge of making sure the department works effectively are looking in another direction.

I'll be remaining in St. Louis to deal with the situation pertaining to me, and would like to know immediately your plans pursuant to the exploration of police brutality and improprieties in the St. Louis Police Department.

Sincerely,

  
Dick Gregory/cps

# Allegation

## Gregory Accuses Police Of Cover-up In His Arrest

By Bill Bryan

Of the Post-Dispatch Staff

Civil rights activist Dick Gregory said Monday that St. Louis police were guilty of a cover-up in their handling of his arrest Saturday on suspicion of peace disturbance.

"I'm outraged, totally outraged," Gregory said at a news conference at the local office of the NAACP.

"For the first eight minutes, before they knew who I was, I was just another [black man]," he said, using a racial epithet.

"Then when they realized they were dealing with Dick Gregory, a simple case of mistaken identity turned into a cover-up."

Gregory also said he planned:

- To ask for a federal investigation of the police
- See GREGORY, Page 4

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CHAIRMAN

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ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 1992 •

# ST. LOUIS

# POST-DISPATCH

## Gregory

From page one

department to see if there was a pattern of abuse of people's civil rights.

■ To file a \$100 million suit over his treatment by police. He said he did not yet know the specifics of the suit.

■ To organize a series of demonstrations to publicize police abuse. "There will be some doors chained," he said. He said he would not disclose the targets of the demonstrations.

C. John Pleban, a lawyer for the police department, said the department was investigating the arrest, "but we would hope that Mr. Gregory will cooperate and give us a statement."

"He's been invited to give a statement, but thus far he has not appeared," Pleban said.

Gregory was arrested Saturday afternoon while walking in the 300 block of North Euclid Avenue after a clerk at the Golden Grocer health food store, at 335 North Euclid Avenue, reported a shoplifting incident.

The clerk, Barry Kepp, initially identified Gregory as the shoplifter.

Gregory said he then warned the clerk: "Don't let these hillbilly white boys [police] get you into trouble. I'm Dick Gregory. If you frame me, I'll picket this store... and shut it down."

Then Kepp said Gregory was not the shoplifter, police said.

On Sunday, Gregory said police had coerced Kepp into identifying him.

On Monday, Kepp agreed, saying police had coerced him.

"I was scared to death, shaking like a leaf," Kepp, 33, said in an interview. "I didn't want a face-to-face confrontation. At first, the guy in the police car [Gregory] did look like the shoplifter, but then I got a better look and could see that it was not."

Kepp said the differences between the shoplifter and Gregory were that the shoplifter had had a stubble beard, while Gregory has a full beard; and the shoplifter had a white X on his baseball cap, while Gregory had a red and green X on his cap.

But the official police report later said Kepp had identified the shoplifter as having a full beard and a red and green X on his cap.

That's part of a cover-up, Gregory said. "There's only one cap in the country with a red and green X, and I've got it. I challenge the press or the police to find another one anywhere," he said.

After Kepp said Gregory was not the thief, police told Gregory he was free to go. But Gregory became belligerent, police said, and was arrested on suspicion of peace disturbance.



Gary Bohn/Post-Dispatch

Civil rights activist Dick Gregory speaking Monday at NAACP headquarters, 625 North Euclid.

**"I was scared to death, shaking like a leaf. I didn't want a face-to-face confrontation."**

**BARRY KEPP,**  
clerk at store

Before police knew his identity, Gregory said, he was thrown against a wall and handcuffed. One officer cursed him, using profanity.

"I've got dignity, and I'm not going to take treatment like that," Gregory said.

Gregory said he had refused to be released on a peace disturbance summons and retrieve his property — which included more than \$900 in cash — because he feared the police would plant drugs on him.

Gregory, a former St. Louisan, has been in this area often recently to support choreographer Katherine Dunham's fast to protest the forced repatriation of Haitian refugees.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 1992

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## Officer In Gregory Incident Probed Complaint Says He, Others Beat Suspects In January

A police officer who Dick Gregory says treated him rudely on Saturday is under investigation for an earlier incident involving allegations of police brutality.

The officer, Michael Marks, 25, is being investigated by the police department's internal affairs division, after a complaint was filed against him and other officers who arrested a woman and her two sons on Jan. 12.

The suspects — arrested on suspicion of misdemeanor assault and interfering with a police officer — said they had been beaten after one of them was stopped for a traffic violation near Enright Avenue and

Sarah Street.

Police said they had had to use force in making the arrests after they were assaulted by the woman and her sons. The investigation is pending.

At a press conference Tuesday at the St. Louis office of the NAACP, Gregory repeated his intention to file a \$100 million suit against the police and to hold demonstrations over his recent arrest on suspicion of peace disturbance.

The civil rights activist was arrested Saturday in the Central West End after being stopped on the street by Marks, who was investigating a shoplifting incident.

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Mr. Dick Gregory  
Days Inn At The Park  
4638 Lindell  
St. Louis, Mo. 63108.

Mr. William Sessions  
Director of the F.B.I.  
10th and Pennsylvania, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20535



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Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.  
Assistant Attorney General

April 22, 1966

Director, FBI

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS:

DICK GREGORY - COMPLAINANTS  
ELECTION LAWS

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Reference is made to your memorandum dated April 18, 1966, requesting that the captioned individuals be interviewed to determine whether the facts involved show a violation of Federal law in that they had made allegations alleging intimidation of persons favoring the nomination of [REDACTED]

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In the past, Dick Gregory has made irresponsible, false and unfounded allegations concerning personnel of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In addition, he has furnished complaints concerning matters over which we have investigative jurisdiction, but our efforts to resolve these matters have been thwarted by his unavailability for interview. In view of our past experiences, Gregory will not be interviewed regarding the current complaint.

[REDACTED] however, who should be in possession of all the facts will be interviewed promptly, and the results will be furnished to you as soon as they are available.

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NOTE: See A. Rosen to Mr. DeLoach Memo dated 4-22-66, captioned as above, FJH:mmmp.

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# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 4-22-66

FROM : A. Rosen *ARM*

1- Mr. DeLoach

1- Mr. Rosen

1- [REDACTED]

1- [REDACTED]

1- [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS:

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The Criminal Division of the Department has forwarded a telegram addressed to the Attorney General from [REDACTED] of Chicago, and Negro comedian Dick Gregory. They have alleged intimidation of persons favoring the nomination of [REDACTED] as a possible violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241. The Department requests that [REDACTED] and Gregory be interviewed.

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Gregory is a known agitator and trouble maker who in the past has been critical of the Director, FBI Agents, and law enforcement in general. He has made baseless and fraudulent comments without semblance of truth.

Bureau files indicate [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] and voluntarily [REDACTED] in Chicago on [REDACTED]. He also was reported to have roomed with a person who had [REDACTED]

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## ACTION:

1. There is attached a letter to Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Criminal Division, advising him we will not interview Gregory but that [REDACTED] will be interviewed and results furnished to him.

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2. There is also attached an airtel to Chicago instructing them to interview [REDACTED]

Enclosures

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Room 5744 421, 1966

TO:

☒ Director  
☐ Mr. DeLoach  
☐ Mr. Mohr  
☐ Mr. Wick  
☐ Mr. Gale  
☐ Mr. Rosen  
☐ Mr. Callahan  
☐ Mr. Casper  
☐ Mr. Conrad  
☐ Mr. Felt  
☐ Mr. Sullivan  
☐ Mr. Tavel  
☐ Mr. Trotter  
☐ Mr. Clayton  
☐ Miss Gandy  
☐ Miss Holmes  
☐ Personnel Files Section  
☐ Records Branch  
☐ Mrs. Skillman  
☐ Mrs. Brown  
☐ John Quander

☒ Mr. Tolson  
☒ Mr. DeLoach  
☒ Mr. Mohr  
☒ Mr. Wick  
☒ Mr. Casper  
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☐ Tele. Room  
☐ Miss Holmes  
☐ Miss Gandy

See Me For appropriate action  
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I don't think we  
 should interview  
 Dick Gregory  
 I concur. L

Clyde Tolson

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Airtel

1- [REDACTED]

To: SAC, Chicago

From: Director, FBI

UNSUBS:

[REDACTED]  
DICK GREGORY - COMPLAINANTS  
ELECTION LAWS

There are enclosed two copies of Departmental memorandum dated 4-18-66, together with two copies of its enclosure. The Department requests that [REDACTED] and Dick Gregory be interviewed concerning alleged intimidation of persons favoring the [REDACTED] as a possible violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241.

You should immediately locate and interview [REDACTED] to obtain his comments concerning the alleged violation. This should be handled by two mature experienced Special Agents. In interviewing [REDACTED] insure he has all information pertinent to the complaint and that Gregory is not in possession of any information which is not known to [REDACTED] Gregory is not to be interviewed.

Advise persons interviewed at the outset that the investigation is being conducted at the specific request of Nicholas deB. Katzenbach, Attorney General of the United States.

Surep within three days of receipt of this airtel.

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NOTE: See A. Rosen to Mr. DeLoach Memo dated 4-22-66, captioned as above, FJH:mmp.

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## Memorandum

TO : The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: April 18, 1966

FROM : Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division

FMV:ENB:mms

SUBJECT: Dick Gregory - Complainants  
Election Laws

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This refers to the telegram dated April 1, 1966, addressed to the Attorney General by [redacted] and Dick Gregory, concerning alleged intimidation of persons favoring [redacted]

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[redacted] in possible violation of 18 U.S.C. 241.

It is requested that [redacted] and Dick Gregory be interviewed to determine whether the facts involved show a violation of Federal law.

A copy of the telegram is enclosed for your convenience.

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NICHOLAS D KATZENBACH ATTY GENERAL

DEPT OF JUSTICE WASHDC

WHEN THE COUNTRY LEARNED THAT NEGRO CITIZENS IN THE SOUTH WERE  
INTIMIDATED IN THEIR HOMES AND AT THE POLLING PLACES WHEN THEY  
TRIED TO REGISTER AND VOTE, THE CITIZENS OF THIS COUNTY WERE  
SHOCKED TO THE EXTENT THAT NEW FEDERAL LAWS WERE PASSED TO  
PROTECT THE SOUTHERN NEGRO'S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS. TODAY WE  
HAVE UNCOVERED THE INTIMIDATION OF VOTERS IN CHICAGO. WE FEEL  
THAT THE CITIZENS RIGHT TO VOTE UNDER THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION  
WITHOUT INTIMIDATION IS NOT JUST A SOUTHERN PROBLEM BUT AN  
AMERICAN PROBLEM WHICH STRIKES AT THE BULWARK OF OUR DEMOCRATIC  
FORM OF GOVERNMENT. TODAY IN CHICAGO SUCH A THREAT WAS UNCOVERED.

HAS BEEN TOLD THAT MANY SIGNERS

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OF HIS PETITIONS HAVE BEEN APPROACHED AND SHOWN COPIES OF THE  
PETITIONS BEARING THEIR SIGNATURE, AND TOLD [REDACTED]  
IS A REPUBLICAN AND IT WAS ILLEGAL FOR THEM TO SIGN HIS PETITION  
AND THAT THEY COULD BE PROSECUTED FOR DOING SO. IF THE PRINCIPAL  
OF FREEDOM FROM INTIMIDATION OF THE VOTER IS SACRED TO AMERICA  
IT MUST BE UPHELD IN CHICAGO AS WELL AS IN THE SOUTH. WE DEMAND  
AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>CHICAGO</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>CHICAGO</b>	DATE <b>4/27/66</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>4/26/66</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;</b> <b>DICK GREGORY - COMPLAINANTS</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>O. ARTHUR GRAN</b>	TYPED BY <b>pjn</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ELECTION LAWS</b>	b6 b7C

REFERENCE: Bureau airtel to Chicago 4/22/66.

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TO BUREAU:

Original and three (3) copies of letterhead memorandum captioned and dated as above.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

In view of the origin of the request and nature of the complaint, no copy of this report is designated for the U.S. Attorney, Chicago, in the absence of Bureau instructions; however, an extra copy is designated for Chicago, for future dissemination to the U.S. Attorney, Chicago, if so indicated by the Bureau.

APPROVED  <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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It is noted that information set forth in letterhead memorandum submitted as an enclosure with this report, suitable for dissemination, was obtained from review of Chicago files, and particularly, that information in letterhead memorandum concerning GREGORY's reference to instant (telegram) allegation at his press conference of April 1, 1966, was set forth in Chicago airtel to Bureau 4/1/66 captioned "Possible Racial Violence Major Urban Areas, RM," Chicago file 157-350, which communication enclosed letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination. In view of instructions that GREGORY not be interviewed in this matter, no attempt was made to incorporate in enclosed letterhead memorandum information from voluminous Chicago file references to GREGORY, whose civil rights activities are well-known and documented.

Extra copy of letterhead memorandum is also designated for Chicago, for possible future dissemination to U.S. Attorney, Chicago.

It is also noted that, per Bureau instructions, [redacted] was advised at the outset of interview that investigation was being conducted at the specific request of NICHOLAS de B. KATZENBACH, Attorney General of the United States.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

## Copy to:

Report of: SA O. ARTHUR GRAN  
Date: April 27, 1966

Office: Chicago

Field Office File #: 56-241

Bureau File #:

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS:  
[REDACTED]  
DICK GREGORY - COMPLAINANTSb6  
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Character: ELECTION LAWS

## Synopsis:

Department requested inquiry concerning alleged intimidation of persons favoring nomination of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] as alleged in telegram of [REDACTED] and DICK GREGORY to Attorney General 4/1/66.

[REDACTED] Chicago, advised 4/26/66 that telegram, which was dictated by GREGORY, was based solely on information

[REDACTED] obtained night of 3/31/66 from [REDACTED] who had signed one of [REDACTED] nominating petitions. She told [REDACTED] that two unidentified women, one of whom was organization assistant precinct captain, called on her and other persons in same apartment building to verify that their signatures on nominating petition genuine. They asked [REDACTED] if she knew [REDACTED] was a Republican, and insinuated that it was illegal for her to have signed his petition. No contact made by [REDACTED] with others reportedly similarly contacted. GREGORY was told same night about incident by [REDACTED] who was "not half as excited about it" as GREGORY, who dispatched telegram. No such incidents reported since, or in other areas, and [REDACTED] does not think "there is a darn thing there" or that incident will have any bearing on 6/14/66 primary.

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DETAILS:

By departmental memorandum to Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, dated April 18, 1966, from FRED M. VINSON, JR., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, it was advised as follows:

"This refers to the telegram dated April 1, 1966, addressed to the Attorney General by [redacted] and DICK GREGORY, concerning alleged intimidation of persons favoring the nomination of [redacted] in possible violation of 18 U. S. C. 241.

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"It is requested that [redacted] and DICK GREGORY be interviewed to determine whether the facts involved show a violation of Federal law."

There was enclosed with departmental memorandum copy of telegram dated April 1, 1966, which stated as follows:

"Nicholas D Katzenbach Atty General  
"Dept of Justice, Wash DC

"When the country learned that Negro citizens in the south were intimidated in their homes and at the polling places when they tried to register and vote, the citizens of this country were shocked to the extent that new Federal laws were passed to protect the southern Negro's constitutional rights. Today we have uncovered the intimidation of voters in Chicago. We feel that the citizens right to vote under the United States Constitution without intimidation is not just a southern problem but an American problem which strikes at the bulwark of our democratic form of government. Today in Chicago such a threat was uncovered. [redacted]

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[redacted] has been told that many signers of his petitions have been approached and shown copies of the petitions bearing their signature, and told

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[redacted] is a republican and it was illeoyal for them to sign his petition and that they could be prosecuted for doing so. If the principal of freedom from intimidation of the voter is sacred to America it must be upheld in Chico as well as in the south. We demand an immediate investigation.

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[redacted] Dick  
Gregory 14511 3-'5 55th St 312-324-0938 Chicago Ill."

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

South State with copies of his [redacted] nominating petitions, and questioning the signers of these petitions as to the authenticity of their signatures. The boy further told him that the two women had said that [redacted] was a Republican and it was illegal for these people to sign petitions for [redacted] and they could be prosecuted for doing so. The boy said that one of the persons so approached was his mother, [redacted]

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Immediately after the meeting at [redacted] [redacted] went to see [redacted] with whom he had not been acquainted previously. [redacted] related to him that two women, one of whom was the organization assistant precinct captain in that area, had come to her the day previous, and exhibited a copy of a [redacted] nominating petition bearing her signature. The women asked if that was her signature and she verified that it was. The women said that they were checking for forged signatures and that they were "trying to keep the Republicans out." They then asked her if she knew that [redacted] was a Republican, and insinuated that it was therefore illegal for her to have signed the petition. [redacted] did not mention that the women told her that she could be prosecuted for having signed the petition. [redacted] also told him that the two women had apparently gone to others in the same apartment building to verify signatures; however, he did not seek out nor talk to any of these other people.

It was pointed out by [redacted] that it was entirely legal for opposition workers to get copies of his nominating petitions, for purposes of verifying the signatures thereon, and he did not think too much of the situation at the time, although there was the possibility that some of these people would thereby be eventually "scared out" of voting.

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After seeing [redacted] on the night of March 31, 1966, he proceeded to a scheduled meeting at another of his campaign offices located at 708 East 63rd Street, where he was to meet with DICK GREGORY and other supporters. During this meeting, in discussion about campaign matters, [redacted] mentioned the incident as

related to him by [redacted] It was thereafter suggested that the incident ought to be explored and called to the attention of the proper authorities, after affidavits were obtained from [redacted] and others who had been approached. He himself had not been "half as excited about it as those civil rights people." Asked as to whom he referred, [redacted] replied: "DICK GREGORY."

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On the following day, April 1, 1966, [redacted] directed one of his supporters [redacted] to go to the apartment building at [redacted] and obtain affidavits from [redacted] and others who had been approached by the two women. [redacted] obtained a notarized statement from [redacted] and attempted without success to obtain statements from two other (unidentified) individuals in the same building. [redacted] determined that among signers of [redacted] nominating petitions there were "no more than seven" with apartment addresses at [redacted] who could possibly have been contacted by the opposition precinct workers.

On April 1, 1966, DICK GREGORY dictated the telegram to Attorney General NICHOLAS KATZENBACH concerning the alleged intimidation of persons favoring [redacted] nomination, with contents of the telegram based on what information [redacted] had furnished. [redacted] did not know if the telegram was dictated by GREGORY before or after [redacted] returned with the affidavit from [redacted]

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[redacted] has heard of no similar incidents since April 1, 1966, and has received no information that such incidents had occurred in other areas. He specifically stated that GREGORY had no independent information on the matter, that GREGORY's knowledge of the matter was based entirely on what he [redacted] had related, and that no purpose would be served in interviewing GREGORY for further information on the matter.

[redacted] concluded by saying that "Frankly, I don't think there is a darn thing there---there'll be no federal suit---there's just no proof," and the incident would have no bearing on the coming primary election.

Stating that he was due momentarily at another meeting, [redacted] made arrangements through his office at [redacted] to provide Agents with a notarized copy of [redacted] statement of April 1, 1966, with a request that, if at all possible, [redacted] not be contacted in this matter, because she would become "unnecessarily alarmed."

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Signed copy of [redacted] statement as provided through [redacted] is as follows:

"April 1, 1966

"AFFIDAVIT

"I, [redacted]  
[redacted] do hereby swear that the following statement is true to the best of my knowledge:

"On Wednesday, March 30, 1966, between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m., two ladies came to my door with petitions and asked me if the signature on the petition was mine. I told them that I had signed the petition. They said that a lot of the signatures were forged and that 'We are trying to keep the Republicans out.' They asked me, 'Did you know that [redacted] was a Republican?' I said I did not know he was a Republican. At this point, the ladies walked away.'

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"Witness:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in the Count of Cook and State of Illinois, this 1st day of April, A.D. 1966.

"/s/ Jean E. Henderson"



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

April 27, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS:

[REDACTED]  
DICK GREGORY - COMPLAINANTS;  
ELECTION LAWS

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Files of the Chicago office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation include the following information, possibly pertinent to captioned matter, concerning [REDACTED] and Comedian Richard Claxton Gregory, complainants.

On April 1, 1966, Patrolman [REDACTED] Human Relations Unit, Chicago Police Department, advised that at a press conference held on April 1, 1966, at 79 West Monroe, Chicago, Room 712, Dick Gregory announced the formation of a committee designed to avoid the outbreak of violence in Negro neighborhoods in Chicago during the coming months. Gregory announced that included with him on this committee were Fred D. Hubbard, candidate for United States House of Representatives, running against Congressman William L. Dawson; Alderman Charles Chew, a candidate for state senator in Illinois; and Lawrence Landry of ACT, as well as a number of others identified with the civil rights program in Chicago. During a question and answer period at the press conference, Gregory, an announced Chicago mayoral candidate, was questioned as to whether or not this new committee was in effect a political organization. He answered no; however, he pointed out that on March 31, 1966, a telegram was directed to the United States Attorney General alleging that certain of the individuals who had signed a petition to place Fred Hubbard on the ballot to run against Congressman Dawson had been subsequently intimidated through unwarranted questioning by unidentified individuals.

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ENCLOSURE

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.

[REDACTED]  
DICK GREGORY - COMPLAINANTS  
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On October 2, 1964, records of the Board of Education, Chicago, reflected that [REDACTED] born [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who as of 1962 resided at [REDACTED] Chicago was employed as a substitute teacher from [REDACTED]. He was shown as having received a Bachelor of Arts degree [REDACTED] from the [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Under date of September 23, 1964, Federal Bureau of Investigation identification record under Federal Bureau of Investigation Number [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] also known as [REDACTED] who was born [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] reflected [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] This record showed arrests for [REDACTED]  
as follows: [REDACTED]

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Review November 25, 1964, of records at [REDACTED]

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The "Chicago Daily News," a daily publication in Chicago, Illinois, October 24, 1959, edition, carried an article by Sam S. King captioned "Teen Gang Sees the Light," which article described the work of Fred D. Hubbard and others in the Chicago YMCA's Detached Workers Program. The article stated in part concerning Hubbard: "He is working on a master of arts degree from the University of Chicago. He also served five years in the paratroops, including 18 months in Korea where he received the Purple Heart."

The "Chicago Sun Times," a daily publication in Chicago, Illinois, January 5, 1966, edition, carried an article by John Dreiske captioned "Ex-Youth Worker Hubbard to Challenge Rep. Dawson." The article stated in part as follows:

"Fred Hubbard, 36-year-old former YMCA youth worker, Tuesday announced he will challenge veteran Rep. William L. Dawson for the 1st Congressional District Democratic nomination in the June primary.

"Hubbard told a press conference in the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel that his campaign will be 'a mounting for a new Negro offensive' in Chicago. He has been an active participant in the civil rights movement.

#### "DICK GREGORY PRESENT

"Present for the announcement were night club comedian Dick Gregory and Lawrence Landry, national chairman of ACT, a militant civil rights group. ACT is not a set of initials, but a name in itself.

"Gregory, who introduced Hubbard, reaffirmed his intention to run for mayor against Richard J. Daley and said his formal announcement would come in about three weeks.

"Hubbard said a new organization led by himself and Gregory soon will hold 'elections' of precinct captains in 50 trial precincts in several wards.

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"'These captains will, of course, not be recognized by the Democratic machine,' Hubbard said, 'but they will be recognized in their communities.'

"Hubbard asserted that the 'loyal' Negro vote in support of Daley and Democratic candidates generally has been 'rewarded' with Chicago Schools Supt. Benjamin C. Willis, long under attack from civil rights groups.

"'They have been rewarded with a poverty program that does its reacting to City Hall rather than the streets and alleys of our great city,' Hubbard went on.

"'They have been rewarded with lip service and promises about the abuses of slumlords and ghetto living. That's the kind of representation (in Congress) that is given to one-third of the city's population.'

"'Hubbard said he would represent residents of the 1st Congressional District in their demands for 'an alternative to non or misrepresentation, to risks and discomforts of marching through the streets in protest, to rioting for those who are too angry and too frustrated to march and to being the helpless pawns of an establishment that labels them "the Negro vote" which is conveniently forgotten after election.'

"CHANCE HE'LL LOSE

"Hubbard admitted 'there's a chance' he will lose to Dawson, who has been firmly entrenched in Congress starting with 1942 when he was elected as a Democrat after failing two years previously as a Republican."

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